

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7292**
Tsukasa SHIRAISHI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004_0787
Serial No. 10/849,191 : Group Art Unit 2826
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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE INCLUDING A
WIRING BOARD WITH A THREE-DIMENSIONAL
WIRING PATTERN

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of July 27, 2005 is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-3 in view of the prior art. In particular, the Examiner rejected independent claim 1 as being anticipated by the Moresco reference (USP 6,535,398); rejected claims 1-3 as being anticipated by the Yew reference (USP 6,137,164); rejected claims 1-3 as being anticipated by the Isaak reference (US Application Publication 2002/0053728); and rejected claims 1-3 as being anticipated by the Lin reference (USP 6,768,208). However, these rejections are respectfully traversed. For the reasons discussed below, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3 are clearly patentable over the prior art of record.

As noted in the Office Action, each of the four references applied by the Examiner qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). In this regard, the Moresco reference has an effective date (an earliest U.S. filing date) of March 7, 2000; the Yew reference has an effective date of September 22, 1999; the Isaak reference has an effective date of June 21, 2000; and the Lin reference has an effective date of May 19, 2000. However, as acknowledged by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office Action, the Applicants claimed priority to Japanese Patent